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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 1001

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR ZA CG AO MOPS
SUBJ: ALLEGED ZAIRE AIR ATTACK ON ZAMBIAN VILLAGES

REF: LUSAKA 0991

1. BOTH ZAMBIAN NEWSPAPERS GAVE FRONT PAGE TREATMENT TO
PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S APRIL 14 DENIAL THAT ZAIRIAN AIRCRAFT HAD
HIT ZAMBIAN VILLAGES. ARTICLES PICKED UP HIS STATEMENT THAT
IT WAS MATHEMATICALLY UNTHINKABLE FOR PILOTS TO HAVE MADE
A NAVIGATIONAL ERROR OF 60 TO 80 DEGREES AND THAT THE RUSSIANS
BOMBED THE VILLAGES TO STIR UP TROUBLE.

2. COMMENT: MOBUTU'S DENIAL STANDS A GOOD CHANCE OF
UNDERMINING THE FAVORABLE IMPRESSION MADE WHEN LENGEMA
WAS DESPATCHED SO EXPEDITIOUSLY TO LUSAKA IN RESPONSE
TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S CONCERN ABOUT THE ATTACKS.
HOPEFULLY, THE GRZ, WHICH APPEARED PREPARED TO MARK "CLOSED"
TO THE INCIDENT AND IS PREOCCUPIED BY THE OWEN VISIT, MAY
NOT FEEL COMPELLED TO RESPOND TO
MOBUTU'S LATEST STATEMENT.

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